Resolution on Same-Sex Marriage*

WHEREAS the Bible is our sole authority in all matters of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21);

AND WHEREAS the Bible teaches that marriage is the joining of one man and one woman and that sexual intimacy is to be expressed only within the bonds of a Biblically defined marriage, and that any other form of marriage or sexual intimacy is immoral and a perversion of God's gracious will (Genesis 2:18, 24-25; Matthew 19:4-6; 7:2; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 7:1-5; Ephesians 5:22-33; Hebrews 13:4);

AND WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court ruling (Obergefell v. Hodges) in June of 2015 essentially legalized same-sex marriage nationwide;

AND WHEREAS our Eternal God exercises His sovereign control over all of His universe, including the affairs of man and the rulers of nations (Isaiah 46:9-10; Proverbs 21:1; Daniel 4:35);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our Fall Bible Conference in Council Bluffs, Iowa on October 3rd, 2015 reaffirm our steadfast commitment to the Biblical view of marriage, refusing to capitulate to the pressures of culture, government, or other religious bodies;

WE CALL upon believers to rest in God's sovereign reign even though the "nations rage and the people plot vain things" (Acts 4:23-31);

WE COMMIT, if necessary, to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29), even if it means that we suffer shame for His name (Acts 5:41);

WE COMMIT to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:2), and to lovingly and unashamedly proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ that alone has the power to transform lives (2 Corinthians 5:17).

**This resolution is an adaptation of the GARBC resolution that was accepted in July 2015.*